

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Corporate Services

Date: January 6, 2026

Subject: Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee – 2026 – 2028 Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council appoints Gina Johnson, Ivan Suski, and Karen Tinsley to the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee for a two-year term ending December 31, 2027;

AND THAT Council appoints Elizabeth Blackburn to the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee for a one-year term ending December 31, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

At the Regular meeting of November 14, 2022, Council approved and established the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee with the intention of providing advice and recommendations to Council on matters relating to citizens with disabilities, seniors, and other citizens with access issues that may impede participation in everyday aspects of community living.

Three committee members terms came to an end on December 31, 2025, and there was one previous vacancy with one year remaining in the term. A call for applicants for the four vacancies was advertised throughout the Fall of 2025. Four applications were received. Upon review of the applications and meeting with the candidates, all applicants are recommended for appointment.

Applications are evaluated based on related work, volunteer, or lived experience with accessibility issues, whether their intentions and goals for participating on the committee aligned with the committee's terms of reference; and their availability to participate in meetings and additional committee activities. Applications are available in Centre Table file for Council's further information.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Community and Social Development

- Our investment in the municipality's services and infrastructure, our commitment to principles of social equity and well-being, and our belief in the value of resident



engagement, creates a healthy community in which everyone feels valued and enjoys a high quality of life.

Strong Governance and Finances

- As the municipality's elected governing body, we serve all residents and businesses in the community. We engage residents and stakeholders on important issues and make our decisions through open and transparent processes. We are careful in our use of resources, mindful of the need to maintain programs and services, while also meeting the community's infrastructure needs.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Emily Kaehn, Director of Corporate Services

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer